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Fill in this information to identify your case:		
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:		
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS	_	
Case number (if known)	Chapter you are filing under:	
	Chapter 7	
	☐ Chapter 11	
	☐ Chapter 12	
	☐ Chapter 13	Check if this an amended filing

### Official Form 101

## Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Par	rt 1:	Identify Yourself		
			About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
1.	You	r full name		
	your pictu exar	e the name that is on government-issued ure identification (for mple, your driver's use or passport).	Chucky First name  D Middle name	First name  Middle name
	iden	g your picture tification to your ting with the trustee.	Thomas  Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)	Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)
2.		other names you have d in the last 8 years		
		ude your married or den names.		
3.	you num Indi	y the last 4 digits of r Social Security nber or federal vidual Taxpayer ntification number	xxx-xx-8968	

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Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

Debtor 1 Chucky D Thomas

About Debtor 1: About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case): Any business names and **Employer Identification** Numbers (EIN) you have I have not used any business name or EINs. ☐ I have not used any business name or EINs. used in the last 8 years Include trade names and Business name(s) Business name(s) doing business as names EINs EINs If Debtor 2 lives at a different address: Where you live 521 E. 46th Place Apt. 1 Chicago, IL 60653 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Cook County County If your mailing address is different from the one If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this notices to you at this mailing address. mailing address. Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Why you are choosing Check one: Check one: this district to file for bankruptcy Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any have lived in this district longer than in any other district. other district. I have another reason.

I have another reason.

Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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t 2: Tell the Court About	our Ba	ankruptcy Ca	se					
The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are	Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.							
choosing to file under	Chapter 7							
	☐ Ch	napter 11						
	☐ Ch	napter 12						
	☐ Ch	napter 13						
How you will pay the fee		about how you order. If your a	u may pay. Typically, if you a attorney is submitting your p	are paying	the fee yourself,	you may pay with cash	n, cashier's check, or money	
					e this option, sign	and attach the Applica	ation for Individuals to Pay	
		ŭ	,	,	this option only if	vou are filing for Char	oter 7. By law, a judge may.	
		but is not requapplies to you	ired to, waive your fee, and r family size and you are un	may do so able to pay	o only if your incor y the fee in install	me is less than 150% of ments). If you choose	of the official poverty line that this option, you must fill out	
Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?	_							
		District	Northern District of Illinois	When	11/03/17	Case number	17-bk-33067	
		District	Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division	When	1/26/17	Case number	17-bk-02319	
		District	Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division	When	2/10/10	Case number	10-bk-05109	
cases pending or being	■ No							
filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?	☐ Yes	S.						
		Debtor				Relationship to y	/ou	
		District		When		Case number, if	known	
		Debtor						
		District		When		Case number, if	known	
Do you rent your	Π No Go to line 12.							
residence?			ur landlord obtained an evict	tion judgm	ent against you?			
	_ 100	<u>_</u>	No. Go to line 12.					
		_		at About ar	Fviction Judama	ent Against Vou (Form	101A) and file it with this	
				n About di	i Evicuori Juayine	nn Against 100 (FUIII	TOTAL AND THE IL WILL LINS	
	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under  How you will pay the fee  Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?  Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?  Do you rent your	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under    Crap   Crap     Crap   Cr	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under    Check one. (For a bink (Form 2010)). Also, with the choosing to file under   Chapter 7     Chapter 11     Chapter 12     Chapter 13      Chapter 13      Chapter 13      I will pay the about how you order. If your a a pre-printed a pre-printed a pre-printed applies to you the Application of the Applicatio	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under    Chapter 7	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under    Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Re (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the schoosing to file under	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under  Chapter 7 Chapter 7 Chapter 13  How you will pay the fee  I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition. Please check with the about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, you a pre-printed address. I need to pay the fee in installments. If you choose this option, sign The Filling Fee in Installments (Official Form 103A). I request that my fee be waited (You may request this option only if but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your incore in the Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived (Official Form 103A).  Have you filed for but have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived (Official Form 103A). Yes.  District  District  District  District  Division  Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division  When  1/26/17  Northern District of Illinois Eastern Division  When  2/10/10  Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being ited by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?  Debtor District  Debtor District  Debtor District  No, Go to line 12. Yes. Fill out Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment against you? No, Go to line 12.	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under choosing the file under choosing to file the paper choosing the file under choosing to file under choosing the file under choo	

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Part 3:		Report About Any Bu	sinesses `	You Own as a Sole Proprietor				
12.	of a	you a sole proprietor ny full- or part-time ness?	■ No.	Go to Pa	rt 4.			
			☐ Yes.	Name an	d location of business			
	busii an ir sepa as a	le proprietorship is a ness you operate as idividual, and is not a arate legal entity such corporation, nership, or LLC.			business, if any			
	,	u have more than one		Number,	Street, City, State & ZIP	Code		

Check the appropriate box to describe your business:

13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the **Bankruptcy Code and are** you a small business debtor?

separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

For a definition of small business debtor, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).

I am not filing under Chapter 11. No.

None of the above

I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy ☐ No.

I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code. ☐ Yes.

Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))

Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))

Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))

Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))

#### Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention

14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?

> For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

INO.	

☐ Yes.

What is the hazard?

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed?

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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Part 5:

Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

 Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

#### **About Debtor 1:**

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

☐ I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

#### ☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

#### ☐ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

#### ☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

#### About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

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I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

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Par	t 6: Answer These Quest	ions for R	eporting Purposes					
16.	What kind of debts do you have?	16a.		consumer debts? Consumer debts are described are consumer debts are described are described as a consumer debts are described as a consumer debts.	defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an			
			☐ No. Go to line 16b.					
			Yes. Go to line 17.					
		16b.	<b>Are your debts primarily business debts?</b> Business debts are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.					
			☐ No. Go to line 16c.					
			☐ Yes. Go to line 17.					
		16c.	State the type of debts you	u owe that are not consumer debts or busi	ness debts			
17.	Are you filing under Chapter 7?	□ No.	I am not filing under Chap	ter 7. Go to line 18.				
	Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and	■ Yes.		7. Do you estimate that after any exempt p available to distribute to unsecured creditors	roperty is excluded and administrative expenses ors?			
	administrative expenses		■ No					
	are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?		☐ Yes					
18.	How many Creditors do	<b>1</b> -49		<b>1</b> ,000-5,000	□ 25,001-50,000			
	you estimate that you owe?	☐ 50-99	)	<b>5</b> 001-10,000	☐ 50,001-100,000			
	owe:	□ 100-1 □ 200-9		□ 10,001-25,000	☐ More than100,000			
19.	How much do you	<b>\$</b> 0 - \$	550,000	□ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million	□ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion			
	estimate your assets to be worth?		01 - \$100,000	□ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million □ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million	☐ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion ☐ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion			
			001 - \$500,000 001 - \$1 million	□ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	☐ More than \$50 billion			
20.	How much do you estimate your liabilities	□ \$0 - \$		□ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million	\$500,000,001 - \$1 billion			
	to be?		001 - \$100,000 ,001 - \$500,000	□ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million □ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million	□ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion □ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion			
			001 - \$1 million	□ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	☐ More than \$50 billion			
Par	t 7: Sign Below							
For	you	I have ex	camined this petition, and I co	declare under penalty of perjury that the int	formation provided is true and correct.			
				er 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligit e relief available under each chapter, and	ole, under Chapter 7, 11,12, or 13 of title 11, I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.			
				d not pay or agree to pay someone who is the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).				
		I request	relief in accordance with th	e chapter of title 11, United States Code, s	specified in this petition.			
		bankrupt and 357	tcy case can result in fines u 1.		ey or property by fraud in connection with a 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519,			
		Chucky	cky D Thomas D D Thomas O D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D D	Signature of De	btor 2			
		Executed	April 11, 2018 MM / DD / YYYY	Executed on	MM / DD / YYYY			

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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page. I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Angie S	S Lee	Date	April 11, 2018
Signature of	Attorney for Debtor		MM / DD / YYYY
Angie S Le	ee 6282075		
	Vu & Borges, LLC		
Firm name 105 W. Ma	dison		
23rd Floor			
Chicago, I	L 60602		
	City, State & ZIP Code		
Contact phone	312-853-0200	Email address	notice@billbusters.com
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### **United States Bankruptcy Court** Northern District of Illinois

In re	Chucky D Thomas		Case No	).	
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	7	
	DISCLOSURE OF COMPENS.	ATION OF ATTO	RNEY FOR I	DEBTOR(S)	
(	Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or	f the petition in bankruptcy	, or agreed to be pa	id to me, for services reno	lered or to
	For legal services, I have agreed to accept		s	165.00	
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have received		\$	165.00	
	Balance Due		\$	0.00	
2. 5	\$_335.00 of the filing fee has been paid.				
3.	The source of the compensation paid to me was:				
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):				
4.	The source of compensation to be paid to me is:				
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):				
5.	■ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation	ation with any other person	n unless they are me	embers and associates of n	ny law firm.
	☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names				v firm. A
6.	In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to rende	r legal service for all aspec	ets of the bankruptc	y case, including:	
l	<ul> <li>Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering</li> <li>Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, stateme</li> <li>Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors a</li> <li>[Other provisions as needed]</li> <li>Attorney's representation of debtor is cond</li> <li>case to pay Attorney for services rendered</li> <li>agreement, the court may allow Attorney to</li> </ul>	nt of affairs and plan which and confirmation hearing, a itioned on debtor ente after filing of the case	th may be required; and any adjourned be ring into an agre . Should debtor f	earings thereof; ement after the filing all to enter into such a	of the an
7. ]	By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee do Representation of the debtors in any discha- from one chapter to another; and reopening amending a petition, list, schedule or stater creditors' meetings due to client's failure to	argeability actions or a g of a closed case. In a ment post-filing not du	any other advers a Chapter 7 case le to Attorney's f	: jusicial lien avoidand ault, attending additio	ce,
	C	CERTIFICATION			
	I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any ago ankruptcy proceeding.	reement or arrangement fo	or payment to me fo	r representation of the deb	otor(s) in
Α	pril 11, 2018	/s/ Angie S Lee			
D	Date	Angie S Lee 628 Signature of Attorn			
		Ledford, Wu & E			
		105 W. Madison			
		23rd Floor Chicago, IL 6060	02		
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APPOINTING REPENTION CONTRACT

Responsible attorney:

105 W. Madison, 23rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60602

Attorney signature:

(312) 853-0200 Fax: (312) 873-4693

1. Parties. In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means the law firm of Ledford, Wu &

Borges, LLC. and its staff attorneys. This contract shall supersede any prior contracts and agreements between the parties to the extent of an inconsistencies.
2. Services and Fees: Client retains Attorney for the following services:  ☐ Chapter 7: (Split Fee): Client retains Attorney to counsel and represent Client for all purposes in the bankruptcy case, subject to exceptions is section 3. However, Attorney's representation of Client is conditioned on Client entering into an agreement after the filing of the case to para Attorney for services rendered after the filing of the case. Should Client fail to enter into such an agreement, the court may allow Attorney withdraw from representation of Client on motion of Attorney.  Pre-filing Legal Fees \$ Pre-filing Expenses \$ Filing Fee \$335.90/Installments: Total Pre-Filing \$ Client on the court may allow Attorney for representation through bankruptcy discharge. Client on the case to para the court may allow Attorney for representation through bankruptcy discharge. Client on the case to para the case to
Anticipated Post-Filing Fees & Expenses (A separate post-filing contract is required): \$ \( \subseteq \) \( \s
Payments: Total Due Pre-filing: \$ less retainer received: \$ Balance Due to File: \$ The legal fee is an \( \text{\text{\$\text{\$a}}} \) advance payment retainer \( \$\text{\$\tex
reopening of a closed case, unnecessary work caused by Client's delay, or any other fact not known to Attorney in writing at the time of the initial consultation that complicates the case. An NSF check or chargeback will be assessed a \$40 fee.
<ul> <li>3. Scope of Representation:</li> <li>(a) Attorney will counsel and represent Client in all aspects of the above matter as elected in Paragraph 2 EXCEPT: (1) adversary proceedings (2) § 722 redemption; (3) judicial lien avoidance; (4) post-discharge litigation; (5) appeals; (6) other</li> <li>(b) Attorney may agree, but is not obligated, to represent Client in the above excluded matters for an additional fee, to be agreed upon separately by the parties with a separate retention agreement.</li> </ul>
Initial Consultation. Client acknowledges that Attorney has explained the following (please initial):  The options of Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 2  The concepts of exemption, discharge and dischargeability, and pre-filing and post-filing procedures  The difference among various types of retainer and that Client has made the choice identified in Paragraph 4  TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. Any delay on Client's part may disqualify Client for the type of relief elected or otherwise adversel affect Client's case. Attorney may not be able to file the case, or take other necessary actions, until all requested documents and/of information, including but not limited to a certificate of credit counseling, are received by Attorney  Client understands that the advice given during the initial consultation is preliminary and based on the information available at the time, and ma change as the case is further analyzed, more facts discovered, or Client's circumstances or the law changed.
<ul> <li>5. Client's Duties. Client agrees, during the course of representation, to:</li> <li>(a) provide Attorney with full, accurate and timely information, financial and otherwise;</li> <li>(b) follow Attorney's procedures and cooperate with Attorney in providing requested documents;</li> <li>(c) promptly inform Attorney of any change of address, phone number, e-mail address or employment, or activation of military duty;</li> <li>(d) inform Attorney before buying, selling, refinancing or transferring any real or personal property in which Client has an interest, and befor incurring any debt, including but not limited to applying for any loan, credit card or line of credit, or using an existing credit card; and</li> <li>(e) promptly inform Attorney if Client becomes entitled to an inheritance, an asset as a result of a property settlement agreement with Client' spouse or a divorce decree, life insurance proceeds, or a monetary judgment, award or settlement.</li> </ul>
6. Co-counsel. Client understands that more than one attorney may work on this case. Where necessary, Client agrees to employ one or mor of the following outside counsel, at Attorney's expense, to work on this case: Kathleen W. Vaught, Kelly M. Johnson, Wayne J. Skelton, Christin Banyon, David Hall Carter, Derek V. Lofland and/or
7. <b>Termination</b> . Client may discharge Attorney at any time, subject to payment of any fee owed for the services already rendered. Attorne may terminate the representation as permitted by the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and Local Bankruptcy Rules. Any flat fee for bankruptcy case is advance payment for future services, becomes Attorney's property upon receipt, and is nonrefundable upon filing of the

pankrupicy case is advance payment for future services, becomes Attorney's property upon receipt, and is nonretundable upon filing of the petition. In the event the representation is terminated by either party before filing and Client has paid Attorney more than \$300, Attorney will provide Client with a detailed itemization of the services rendered in support of any fee charged at the rate set forth in Paragraph 2, Client will reimburse Attorney for any expenses, including those that otherwise would be free of charge, and Client authorizes Attorney to apply the filing fee and any payment for expenses that have not been incurred towards the attorney's fee, subject to the requirements set forth herein. A retainer in the amount of \$300 or less is nonrefundable.

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## BILLBUSTERS

Ledford, Wu and Borges, LLC

105 W. Madison, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60602 (312)853-0200 Fax: (312)873-4693

#### **CONSULTATION AGREEMENT**

FOR OFFICE USE
Client No. 74240
Interviewing Attorney: AL
Date: 04-11-2018

### THIS AGREEMENT IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW (11 U.S.C. § 528(a))

- 1. Parties: In this contract, "Client" means the undersigned, both individually and jointly; "Attorney" means the law firm of Ledford, Wu & Borges, LLC and its staff attorneys.
- 2. Purpose: Client has requested the opportunity to consult with and obtain information and advice from Attorney concerning options for relief from debts, which may include filing bankruptcy. This agreement is for purposes of that consultation only.
- 3. Client's Duties: In order for Attorney to give meaningful advice, Client agrees to give accurate, honest, full and fair disclosure of financial information concerning income over the past three years from all sources, monthly living expenses, the type and amount of all debts (including names and addresses of all creditors), all assets and property owned by the client, wherever located and by whomever held, and any additional information determined by Attorney to be relevant.
- 4. Services: The attorney agrees to provide Client with the following services:
  - a. analyzing Client's financial circumstances based on information provided by Client;
  - b. to the extent possible, advising Client of bankruptcy options and non-bankruptcy options based on the information provided by Client;
  - c. if Client has not provided Attorney with sufficient information upon which to fully advise Client on Client's options, informing Client what additional information Client needs to provide in order to enable Attorney to provide such advice and information;
  - d. where applicable, advising Client of the requirements placed upon Client to file a bankruptcy; and
  - e. to the extent possible, quoting a fee for providing bankruptcy and/or nonbankruptcy assistance to Client

5.	Fees	s (check one):
	Χ.	A consultation fee will be waived if Client decides not to retain Attorney, in which case the attorney-client relationship shall terminate at the conclusion of the interview
		Client agrees to pay \$ in nonrefundable consultation fee
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6. Acknowledgement: Client acknowledges that the first date upon which Attorney provided any bankruptcy assistance to Client is the date noted above, and that Attorney provided Client with a copy of this agreement and the disclosure and information mandated by Section 527(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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